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Item Number	Date of Issue	Subject	Policy	Detail/Action
1	8 Oct 03	<p>The National Assistance(Assessment of Residence) Regulations 1992 - the National Assistance (Assessment of Residence) Amendment (No 3) (Scotland) Regulations 2003</p> <p>Residential Accommodation Charging</p> <p>Circular provides further advice on a number of changes to the financial assessment for care home residents, principally related to the introduction of Pension Credit, as announced in my letter of 12 September and noted in circular CCD6/2003 of 30 September. It also highlights changes to COSLA's non-residential care charging guidance, again in response to Pension Credit.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>HDL/Other Code:</b> CCD 7/2003</p> <p><b>Category:</b> Information</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Directors of Local Authority Social Work Departments.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executive of Local Authorities; Directors of Finance of Local Authorities; relevant professional and voluntary organisations.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Agnes Rennick 0131 244 3782</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:agnes.rennick@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">agnes.rennick@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>

2	7 Oct 03	<p>Scottish Drug Tariff: Portable Oxygen on GP Prescription from April 2004</p> <p>Prescribing portable oxygen</p> <p>The Minister announced on 6 October 2003 that portable oxygen cylinders will be available on GP prescription from April 2004.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>HDL/Other Code:</b> PCA(P)(2003)7 &amp; PCA(M)(2003)19</p> <p><b>Category:</b> Action, Information</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Chief Executives NHS Boards; Chief Executives NHS Trusts; Chief Executive Common Services Agency.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executive State Hospitals Board for Scotland; Chief Executive NHS Scotland; Executive Director NHS Education; Chief Executive NHS Quality Improvement; Directors of Primary Care.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Ronnie Fraser 0131 244 2529</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:ronnie.fraser@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">ronnie.fraser@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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3	6 Oct 03	<p>Neurosurgery for Mental Disorder in Dundee: Report to the Scottish Executive, 2003</p> <p>Mental Health</p> <p>Attached is the second bi annual report on the Neurosurgery for Mental Disorder service, Ninewells, Dundee. The report updates the first service providers' report which was published in December 2001. For a comprehensive overview of the service, this report should be read in conjunction the 2001 document and the related March 2003 Standing Advisory Committee outcome report.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>Category:</b> Information</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executives, NHS Boards; Chief Executives, Primary Care NHS Trusts; Directors of Social Work; Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland; Scottish Association for Mental Health.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Nan Whetton 0131 244 2803</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:Nan.Whetton@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">Nan.Whetton@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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4	6 Oct 03	<p>Compulsory Registration in Accreditation Schemes for NHS Pathology Laboratories in Scotland</p> <p>NHS Pathology Laboratories in Scotland should enrol with an appropriate accreditation scheme</p> <p>All NHS Pathology laboratories in Scotland are therefore being instructed to enrol with an appropriate accreditation scheme. Many Scottish laboratories have already enrolled on the CPA scheme and details of those who have attained full accreditation are listed on the CPA website at <a href="http://www.cpa-uk.co.uk">www.cpa-uk.co.uk</a>.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>HDL/Other Code:</b> NHS HDL(2003)45</p> <p><b>Category:</b> Action, Information</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Chief Executives, NHS Boards; Chief Executives, NHS Trusts; Director, SNBTS; Chief Executive, Common Services Agency; Chief Executive, State Hospitals Board for Scotland.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Local Health Councils; Chief Executive, NHS Education Scotland; President, Royal College of Pathology; President, Scottish Partnership Forum.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Sandra Falconer 0131 244 2434</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:sandra.falconer@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">sandra.falconer@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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5	6 Oct 03	<p>Audiology News: the Essential Newsletter for Audiology Services across NHSScotland</p> <p>NHS Boards have been asked to prepare action plan</p> <p>Scottish Executive is to invest 8 million over four years to help provide quality hearing aid services to patients across Scotland. NHS Boards have been asked to prepare action plans that address the key recommendations in the report and will receive a share of the central funding based on identified needs and strength of their plans.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>Category:</b> Information</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executives, NHS Boards; Chief Executives, NHS Trusts; Heads of Audiology; Audiology Advisory Group Members.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Sandra Falconer 0131 244 2434</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:sandra.falconer@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">sandra.falconer@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
6	6 Oct 03	<p>Mental Health and Well Being Support Group</p> <p>Mental Health</p> <p>The attached letter is to update all those with a mental health interest on what is happening following the consultation and other action on the future of the Mental Health and Well Being Support Group. Recipients are asked to copy the letter to all those with a mental health interest.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>Category:</b> For information</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Chief Executives, NHS Boards/Trusts; Directors of Social Work; Mental Health Non-Departmental Bodies; Mental Health Voluntary Organisations.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Denise Marshall 0131 244 3098</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:denise.marshall@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">denise.marshall@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>

7	3 Oct 03	<p>Grading of Sonographers</p> <p>NHSScotland approach to the grading of sonographers.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>HDL/Other Code:</b> NHS HDL(2003)47</p> <p><b>Category:</b> Action</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> CEs NHS Trusts, Boards Island HBs and SHBs.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> CE NHS Health Scotland; Members SPF HR Forum.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Ms Judith Ballantine 0131-244 3778</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:Judith.Ballantine@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">Judith.Ballantine@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
8	2 Oct 03	<p>Primary Care Investment</p> <p>Primary care</p> <p>To confirm additional allocations to NHS Boards from the investment programme for primary care for 2003-04. The 2003-04 baseline figure of £12.48 million has been uplifted by an extra £3m for this financial year to a total of £15.48m.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>	Partnership for Care	<p><b>Category:</b> For Action</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Chief Executives, NHS Boards.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executives, Primary Care NHS Trusts; General Managers, LHCCs.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Colin Brown 0131 244 2462</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:Colin.L.Brown@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">Colin.L.Brown@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>

9	30 Sep 03	<p>Introduction of Pension Credits and Revised NHS Prescription Stationery (Version 3)</p> <p>NHS prescription forms</p> <p>The circular advise NHS Boards and Trust of the introduction of Pension Credits and revised NHS prescription stationery.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>HDL/Other Code:</b> NHS HDL(2003)46</p> <p><b>Category:</b> Action and Information</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Chief Executives NHS Boards; Chief Executives NHS Trusts; Chief Executive Common Services Agency.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executive State Hospitals Board for Scotland. Chief Executive NHS Health Scotland; Executive Director NHS Education; Chief Executive NHS Quality Improvement; Directors of Primary Care.</p> <p><b>Response Required:</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Ronnie Fraser 0131 244 2529</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:ronnie.fraser@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">ronnie.fraser@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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